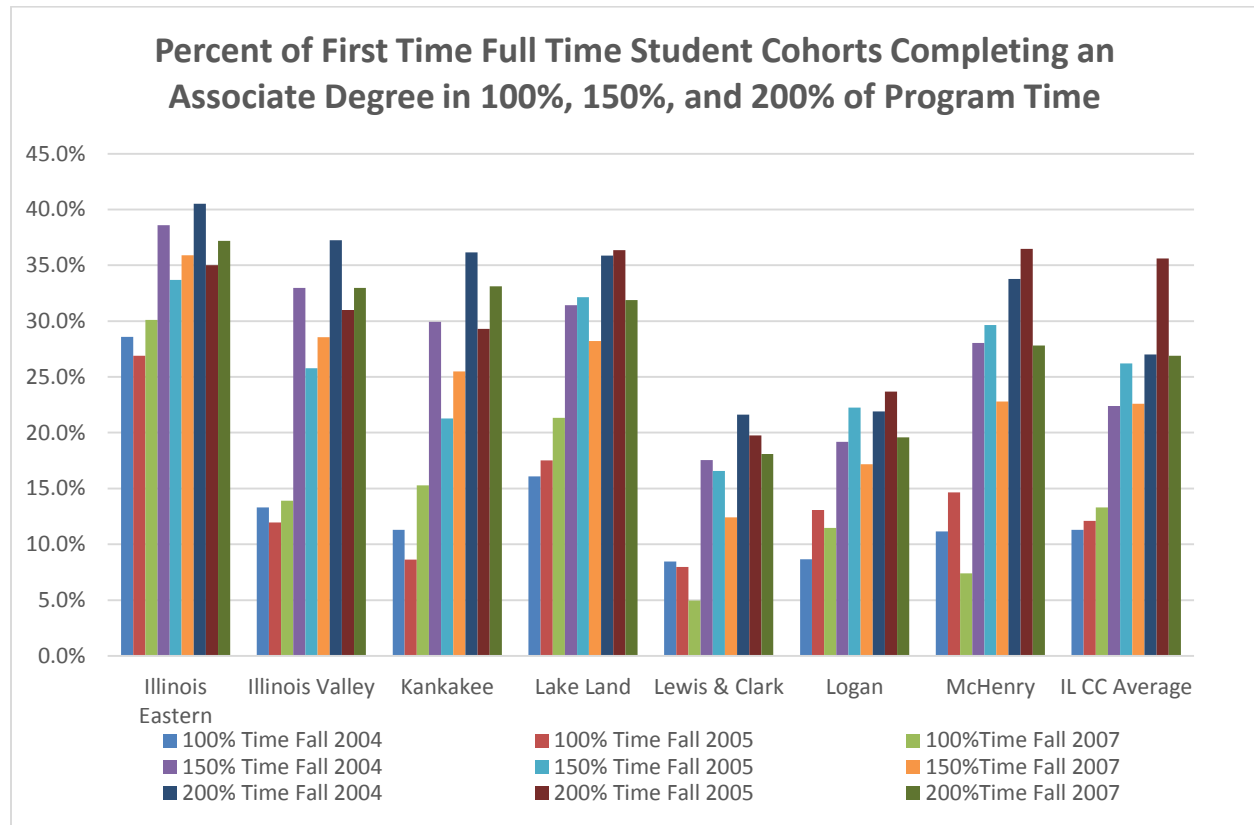


LLC FACT SHEET: Complete College America: Graduation Rates for Associate Degrees

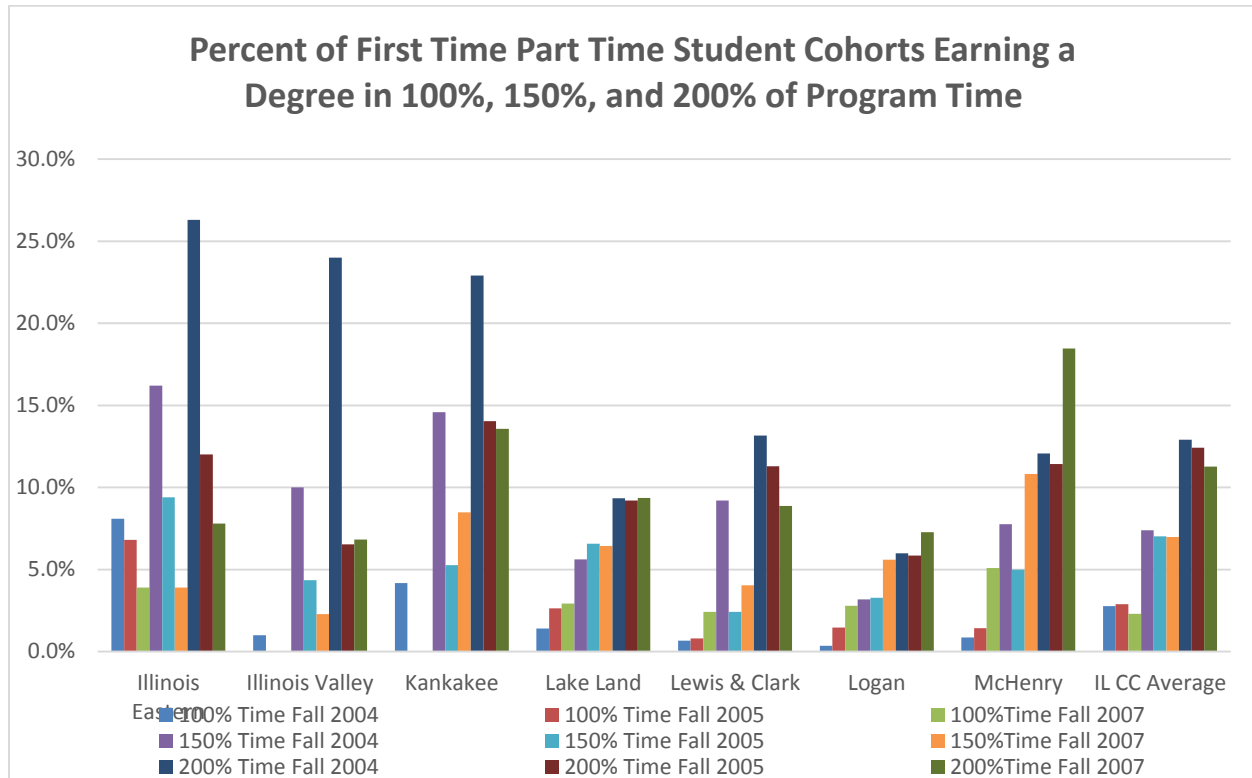
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Complete College America defines “Graduation Rates” as the percent of first time full time community college students who complete an associate degree or certificate within 100%, 150%, and 200% of program time. ICCB provides data to the CCA for all community colleges in Illinois and provides an Illinois comparison group of community colleges. Lake Land’s comparison group includes IL Eastern, Illinois Valley, Kankakee, Lewis and Clark, John Logan, and McHenry. This analysis includes cohorts for fall 2004, 2005, and 2007



- ❖ On average over the three reporting cohort years, 12.2% of full time first time community college students in Illinois complete an associate degree within 100% time, 23.7% complete within 150% time, and 29.8% completes within 200% time.
- ❖ The majority of schools in the comparison group exceed the state average for associate degree graduates at 100%, 150%, and 200% time. Exceptions are Lewis & Clark, Kankakee, McHenry and John Logan at 100% time and Lewis & Clark and John Logan at 150% and 200% time.
- ❖ Across all three cohorts and time points, Illinois Eastern has the highest percentage of students earning an award while Illinois Valley, Kankakee and Lake Land meet or exceed the state average at all three time points.
- ❖ At 150% time, Illinois Eastern (36.1%) and Lake Land (30.6%) continue to have the highest percentage of graduates followed closely by Illinois Valley (29.1%).
- ❖ At 200% time, Illinois Eastern (37.6%) continues to lead the comparison group, but Lake Land students have narrowed the gap (34.7%). The remaining colleges in the comparison group have increased their graduates by 200% time as well. All of the colleges except Lewis & Clark and John Logan have almost a third of their students completing an associate degree by 200% time.

Complete College America (CCA) is a nonprofit working with states to increase the number of Americans with college degrees or certificates and to decrease attainment gaps for underrepresented populations. Community Colleges in Illinois provide data to CCA via ICCB. Data Source: ICCB Annual Enrollment and Completion Reports.



- ❖ Earning an award for part time students has a much lower success rate at 100% and 150% time, and the completion rate at 200% time is still drastically lower for all colleges and for the state when compared to full time students.
- ❖ With the exception of Illinois Eastern (6.3%), the average completion rate across the three part time cohorts at 100% time is less than 3%.
- ❖ By 150% of program time almost twice as many students have earned an award. Illinois Eastern’s completion rate increased to an average 9.8%, Kankakee’s increased to 9.4%, McHenry increased to 7.9%, the state CC average increased to 7.2%, Lake Land’s increased to 6.2%, and Illinois Valley increased to 5.5%.
- ❖ By 200% of program time, most of the colleges in the comparison group experienced a significant increase in graduation rates for their part time degree seeking students. Illinois Eastern continued to lead the pack (15.4%), followed by Kankakee (16.8%), McHenry (14%), Illinois Valley (12.4%), state CC average (12.2%), and Lewis & Clark (11.1%).
- ❖ By 200% of program time, Lake Land’s part time degree seeking student graduation rate only increased to 9.3% and John Logan’s is only 6.4%.